## Evidence-based Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Resources for Schools to Address the

### **E-cigarette Epidemic Among Youth**

Despite two decades of declining cigarette use among youth, overall tobacco use among NC youth has increased since 2011. E-cigarette use among NC high school students has increased from 1.7% in 2011 to 20.9% in 2019. (North Carolina Youth Tobacco Survey).

#### **E-CIGARETTE USE CONTINUES TO INCREASE**

Past 30 Day Use of E-Cigarettes, NC YTS



\*The 2019 NC YTS response rates were 57% and 59% among middle and high school students, respectively. Response rates lower than 60% can increase the potential for non-response bias.

#### MORE HELP

- **Regional Tobacco Prevention and Control Managers** available to provide technical assistance. Find how to reach yours <u>here</u>.
- NC Tobacco Prevention and Control Branch, find helpful information on e-cigarettes here.

The NC Department of Public Instruction and the NC Department of Health and Human Services encourage all schools to use the following evidence-based resources to prevent and reduce tobacco use with a focus on the e-cigarette epidemic among youth.

#### RESOURCES .....

#### **Smoking/Vaping and COVID-19**

 Important Facts on Smoking and <u>COVID-19</u>: What you need to Know (NC Tobacco Prevention and Control Branch)

#### **Helping Teens Quit Smoking/Vaping**

- This is Quitting (Truth Initiative)
   Free and anonymous text
   message program to help
   teens quit vaping: Text the word
   "DITCHJUUL" to 88709
- Smokefree Teen (National Institutes of Health): Free and anonymous text message program to help teens quit smoking: Text the word "Quit" to 47848

#### **Quit Support Programs for Youth**

- Not On Tobacco (NOT) Program (American Lung Association):
   Trained facilitator-led group teen tobacco cessation program
- QuitlineNC.com: 1-800-QUIT-NOW (1-800-784-8669) (Español: 1-855-Déjelo-Ya [1-855-335-3569] o para más información haga clic aquí) NC phone, internet and text service with a special program for teens who want to quit.

# Alternative to Suspension Educational Programs for Schools

- INDEPTH (Intervention for Nicotine Dependence: Education, Prevention, Tobacco and Health)
   (American Lung Association)
- Healthy Futures Alternative to Suspension Curriculum (Stanford University School of Medicine
- ASPIRE (A Smoking Prevention Interactive Experience)
   (MD Anderson Cancer Center)

# Youth Tobacco Use Prevention Programs for Schools

- <u>CATCH My Breath</u> (UT Health Science Center) a vaping prevention program for teens, facilitated by an adult.
- Tobacco Prevention Toolkit:
   Modules for Tobacco and Nicotine
   Education (Stanford University
   School of Medicine)
- Evidence Brief: CDC cautions against tobacco-industry sponsored youth tobacco prevention programs in schools.







